

PERFIN COVER OF THE MONTH

This month's choice is a catapult cover from the North German Lloyd Steamship Company's "S.S. Bremen," which is franked with two U.S. 10-cent values (Scott #642) bearing the Perfin of the steamship company (N89), shown in the inset. Catapult mail was an experiment of the late 1920's in which airplanes were launched by catapult from ships several hundred miles from their destination port as a means of speeding the mail. The first catapult mails were from the French liner "Ile de France," but the best known ones were from the North German Lloyd's "Bremen" and "Europa." (cover from collection of Edwin C. Haack)

